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<http://www.epa.gov/etv> (ETV Homepage)
<http://clu-in.com/char1.htm> (Hazardous Waste Cleanup Information (CLU-IN) Homepage)

Technology Verification Program

Soil/Soil Gas Sampling Technologies

1997 Verification Area



Consortium for Site Characterization Technology

Developers face many problems moving new site characterization and monitoring technologies from prototype to routine use. These include convincing regulators and customers the product meets its performance claims; lack of credible performance data; access to unbiased third parties to evaluate the data; and identifying representational test sites and challenging demonstration designs. The government's interest in achieving national goals faster, better, and less expensively warranted a united effort to address these problems.

The **Consortium** is a partnership of DoD, DOE, EPA, and the private sector whose goal is to increase the acceptance and use of innovative field monitoring, and characterization technologies in assessing and supporting remediation of contaminated sites. The Consortium achieves this goal by supplying technology buyers, developers, consulting engineers, states, and EPA Regions with high quality performance data for new technologies verified by independent third parties under the auspices of EPA.

How Does The Process Work?

The **Consortium** supports demonstration and verification testing of site characterization and monitoring technologies by: assisting developers with selecting sites; preparing and approving demonstration plans; and auditing demonstrations. Data interpretation, preparation of a verification report, and issuance of a verification statement are the responsibilities of EPA and the verification organization.

The process begins with an assessment of the needs of the user community. The Consortium determines the status of technologies to meet those needs, including the maturity of those technologies. Qualified vendors are invited to participate and work with the verification organization to develop test plans in accordance with CSCT guidance. Field testing is performed at two separate sites. Results are reviewed by EPA, the vendor, and are peer reviewed by technical experts. A final report (including an EPA Verification Statement) is then issued.

Soil/Soil Gas Sampling Technologies

What it is: The technologies within this category are all field-deployable and provide for sampling of soil and soil gas for screening, measurement, and characterization of volatile and semi-volatile contaminants. Some technologies also cover metals. The techniques include: two samplers advanced by direct push techniques; a hand-operated percussive soil sampler; and two soil gas absorbers.

When/where demonstrated:

- 、 **Albert City, IA** **June 22-30, 1997**
- 、 **Commerce City, CO** **June 1997**

Who participated:

- W.L. Gore & Associates, Inc.
- Art's Manufacturing and Supply
- Geoprobe Systems, Inc.
- Quadrel Services, Inc.
- Clements & Associates, Inc.

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